



Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR FIREWOOD REQUESTS

The Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the issuance of fuelwood permits from the state forests in the Upper and Northern Lower Peninsulas. The issuance of these permits is dependent upon the availability of wood suitable for fuelwood purpose. Most of the permits are issued for wood left over after commercial logging operations.

The Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division of the DNR issues three types of timber sales.

The first type is the cost fuelwood permit which is issued for a fee of \$20.00. This entitles the permittee to gather up to five (5) standard cords in designated areas where a sufficient supply of fuelwood is known to exist, such as areas of storm damage, road or site cleaning or where residue from commercial timber sales is available. These permits are limited to one per household per year. Firewood from these permits is to be used for personal use only and is not to be resold or traded. The cost permits will be issued only during the period of April 1 to December 31. Vehicles used for firewood removal will be restricted to existing road system.

The second type of permit is the small timber sale in selected areas. This type of sale is for persons with unusually large firewood needs or persons with interest in resale. The availability of this type is dependent on the management plans and treatment needs of the specific forest. The duration of these sales ranges from six months to a year.

The third type is the large timber sale sold on a competitive bidding process and awarded to the highest bidder. These sales are usually bought by major timber producers in Michigan. The duration of these sales is between 1-3 years. The conditions of sale contract and the cutting specifications are designed to achieve the management objectives for the specific timber tract.

Persons who wish to obtain firewood from state forest lands should apply to the area Unit Manager in charge of the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management unit where wood is to be collected. The attached map shows locations for the DNR field offices with the address and phone number of each on the reverse side. The Unit Manager can give you more specific information regarding the availability of firewood in that particular forest unit.

The state ownership of forest land south of the Muskegon-Bay City line is limited. Thus the opportunities to obtain a permit for firewood in that area are almost nonexistent. Most of the state forest land in southern Michigan is managed for recreation and wildlife purposes and firewood permits are not issued.

For information on the program administered by the U.S. Forest Service on National forest land, contact the following forest supervisor:

LOWER PENINSULA - Huron-Manistee National Forest - Cadillac 231-775-2421
EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA - Hiawatha National Forest - Escanaba 906-786-4062
WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA - Ottawa National Forest - Ironwood 906-932-1330